



Online Pennsylvania State Archives

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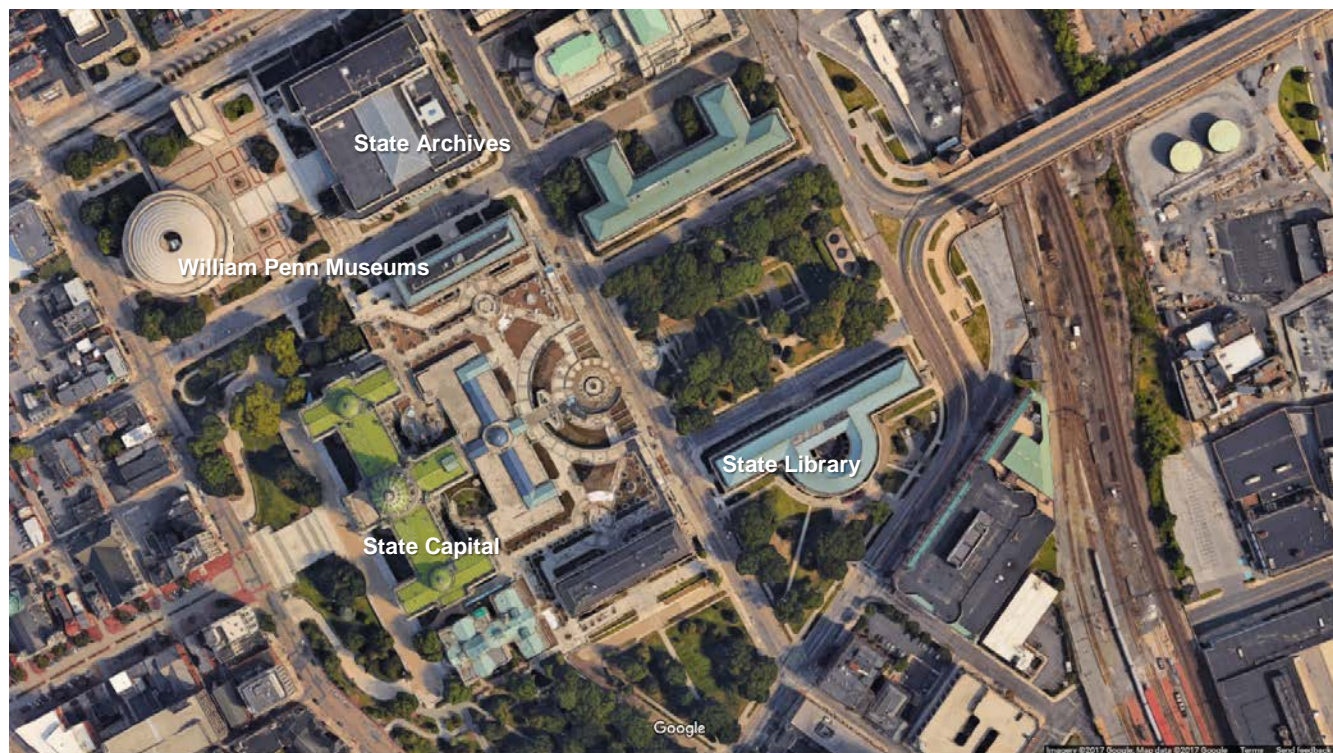
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General Information

Website: <http://www.phmc.pa.gov/archives/pages/default.aspx>

Hours:

Mon: Closed
Tue: Closed
Wed: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thu: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fri: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat: 9:00 am – Noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Sun: Closed



Site Tabs and Research Online

Archives is the key tab to direct you to online records. Also, on the same page is a list of "Top Pages" which includes: About the Archives, Visit the Archives, Current News, Research Online, Vital Statistics, Land Records, Ancestry.com PA, Research Guides and Records Management. I have found Research Online, Land Records and Vital Statistics to be the most useful for family history.

Research Online

This section of the archives includes:

- Online finding aids to browse or search record and manuscript groups.
- Online records allow one to search birth and death indices, land record indexes, maps and military records.

Vital Records

- Birth Indexes, 1906-1911
- Death Indexes, 1906-1966

Certificates for the above time periods are located at the Pennsylvania Archives. Some of the indexes are alphabetical while other indexes use the soundex system. Ancestry.com currently has birth certificates 1906-1908 and death certificates 1906-1966.

Land Records

When searching land records, it is usually best to start in the county where the ancestor lived. However, if your ancestor purchased land from the proprietors, colony or state of Pennsylvania the Online Archives is the place for you.

- Old Rights Registers Index for the counties of Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia. The indexes are available online but not the registers. Registers are available at the archives.
- Warrant Registers index the warrants, surveys and patents. This index is available online at the archives and the Family History Library on film. Only the surveys are online at the archives. Warrants, surveys and patents are available at the Family History Library on film.
- Maps
 - Melish-Whiteside Maps - Early-nineteenth century county maps depicting township boundaries, rivers, churches, factories, mines, taverns, furnaces, forges, mills, ferries and roads
 - Warrantee Township Maps - Land office maps showing original warrant tracts within the boundaries of present-day townships

Military Records

- PA National Guard Veteran's Card File, 1867-1921
- Civil War Veterans' Card File
- Revolutionary War Military Abstract Card File
- World War I Service Medal Application Cards
- Spanish American War Veterans' Card File of United States Volunteers
- Mexican Border Campaign Veterans' Card File
- Militia Officers' Index Cards, 1775-1800